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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Robert M. Slater, DOB 4/6/73, of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to possessing a firearm after having been previously convicted of a felony. On November 2, 2005, Slater was observed by an off-duty deputy of the Polk County Sheriff's Department with a 22 caliber pistol in his hand. Slater was convicted of burglary in 2002 in Barron County, Wisconsin.

U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for June 23, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. Slater faces a maximum penalty of ten years in federal prison.

The charge against Slater was the result of an investigation conducted by the Polk County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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